

*[English]***Drought Threat In Gujarat**

664. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat State is facing threat of drought;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Gujarat, the State Government has declared drought conditions in 1733 villages in the districts of Kutch, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Rajkot due to deficient rains during South-West Monsoon, 1996.

(c) The State Government is undertaking necessary relief measures in the affected areas. Government of India has already released their share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1996-97 amounting to Rs. 104.70 crores for this purpose.

Impact of Cyclones

665. DR. SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several State Government have undertaken programmes for educating the impact of cyclones in the coastal areas including the Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government propose to have a net work of cyclones warning centres in the coastal areas;
- (c) whether the foolproof measures and programmes for reducing the impact of cyclones have been fully considered by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the action programme prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six Cyclone Warning Centres are already operating along the east and west coasts of the country covering all the coastal areas of maritime States.

(c) and (d) A proven and reliable system for cyclone warning and its dissemination to different Government functionaries, public and other users is already in operation. The concerned State Government authorities and the public

are forewarned about the impending cyclone threat through the respective Cyclone Warning Centres of the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Each maritime State has an action plan to reduce the impact of the cyclones, like evacuation of people to safer places, restoring communication, power supply, search and rescue of the missing fishermen and provide relief. India Meteorological department is further inducting new generation Doppler radars for better monitoring of cyclones. This will further improve cyclone preparedness.

Providing Basic Facilities In Slums

666. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are a large number of slum areas in Union Territory, Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the facilities of water, electricity, education dispensary etc. have been provided to each person in these localities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide all such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (e) In Chandigarh, following labour colonies are in existence:-

1. Colony No. 4 Industrial Area Phase I. Chandigarh.
2. Janata Colony, Sector 25.
3. Kumhar Colony, Sector 25.
4. Madrasi Colony, Sector 26.
5. Gwala Colony near Railway Bridge.
6. Randhawa Colony, near Railway Crossing.
7. Labour Colony, Sector 31-C.
8. Labour Colony, Sector 53. near village Kajheri.
9. Labour Colony near village Karsan, Phase II.
10. Labour Colony, village Palsora.
11. Kuldip Colony, Sector 52.
12. Adarsh Colony, Sector 54.
13. Sukhanagar Colony, Sector 52.
14. Pandit Colony, Sector 52.

Water supply, by the way of drinking water taps has been made in various colonies. The further steps proposed to be taken are:-

- (i) Tubewells are to be installed in various colonies. [English]
- (ii) Underground reservoirs are proposed to be constructed;
- (iii) Sewer line in place of open system is being laid in various colonies;
- (iv) Sulabh Sauchalayas are proposed to be constructed in Bapu Dham Colony and Colony no. 5;
- (vi) Road in various colonies are being strengthened.

[Translation]

Poor Maintenance of Flats

667. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether four storeyed Government flats in the Gole Market Area, New Delhi are in a bad shape;
- (b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken for the repairs of these Government flats;
- (c) whether the maintenance work of few flats has been undertaken and for the remaining flats maintenance work has been stopped;
- (d) if so, the time by which the repair work of the remaining flats is likely to be completed;
- (e) whether the repairing work is supervised by the CPWD officers as well as other higher officers;
- (f) if so, the number of such flats wherein the repair work has not been completed in a satisfactory manner; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The general condition of the 4 storeyed flats in the Gole market area, New Delhi is satisfactory, which the exception of 9 Type-C quarters in Sector-IV, wherein R.C.C., some beams and slabs have been damaged and in type-II quarters in J and H blocks where some disress in staircase and columns has occurred.

(b) The repair work in J and H Block is in progress and the work in Sector-IV has also been sanctioned in January 1997.

(c) The maintenance work has already been completed in 17 blocks and it is in progress in the remaining 30 blocks.

- (d) It is likely to be completed in about 6 months.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.
- (g) Does not arise.

Smuggling of Chemical Weapon

668. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force has recovered a grenade, suspected to be a "chemical grenade" that militants might have been able to smuggle into the Kashmir Valley; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) On 12th January 1997 in an operation carried out in villiage Nuran, BSF had recovered one Cylindrical shaped container/grenade which was initially suspected to be a chemical grenade. After further examination by experts, it was found to be "country made grenade" and not a chemical grenade.

ONGC Well

669. SHRI VIJAY PATEL:
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of natural gas is being produced by the Chandkheda ONGC oil well and is not being collected for any commercial use;

(b) if so, whether only a small quantity is collected for supplying the same to the ONGC Colony at Chandkheda; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken for optimum utilization of the gas produced there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) ONGC is currently producing 34,500 SCMD of associated gas from the Motera field near Chandkheda. Out of this, 33,000 SCMD is being utilised as shown below:

	SCMD
(i) Supply to Industries	30,000
(ii) Supply to ONGC Colony	2,000
(iii) Internal use	1,000

Autonomy to J & K

670. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has made any specific promise to provide more autonomy to Jammu and